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The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell
Chair, Budget Conference Committee
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Phillip Ting
Co-Chair, Budget Conference Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CalWORKs Single Allocation: Support Assembly Version

Dear Senator Mitchell and Assemblyman Ting:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully urges your support of the Assembly's action to provide \$140 million in one-time funding for the CalWORKs Single Allocation. We are grateful for the Senate actions and support on these issues as well, however the Assembly version of the budget goes farther in stabilizing the services and supports that will be cut, and ensures long-term programmatic stability.

As you may recall, the Governor's May Revision proposed to cut \$248 million from the CalWORKs Single Allocation in 2017-18, which will have significant reduction to services statewide. This would be on top of a \$160 million cut that counties have already sustained in the current year and will result in more than 21 percent reduction to employment services, eligibility, and child care in CalWORKs. A reduction of this magnitude will have significant impacts on the participants we serve. The restoration of \$140 million to the Single Allocation will mitigate these cuts and staffing reductions. The funding will also help bridge the time until the new budgeting methodology can be developed.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your support of the Assembly's version of the CalWORKs Single Allocation. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert Lovingood
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: Members and Consultants, Budget Conference Committees
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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